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FOR SSM, NEA AND H

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR CODEL VISITS TO EGYPT AND SFM

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1. I ALWAYS WELCOME CODEL VISITS TO EGYPT AND BELIEVE THIS POST HAS HAD AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN HANDLING THEM. I ALSO BELIEVE CODELS SHOULD, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, VISIT SFM AND SEE EXCELLENT JOB BEING DONE THERE. I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER H, NEA NOR SSM SEEM TO BE ABLE PROVIDE ADEQUATE IN-PUT IN PLANNING CODEL VISITS. UPCOMING CODEL DERWINSKI VISIT IS CASE IN POINT.

2. TIME AND DISTANCE FACTORS IN EGYPT AND SINAI ARE REAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PLANNING CODEL SCHEDULES. IT MAY LOOK LIKE ONLY A HALF INCH ON A MAP, BUT IT TAKES HOURS TO GET TO PLACES, EVEN THOUGH THE DISTANCES IN US TERMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THAT GREAT. MOST CODELS WANT TO SEE PRESIDENT SADAT AND SHOULD SEE HIM. IN THE SUMMER MONTHS AND DURING OTHER PARTS OF THE YEAR, HE IS OUT OF CAIRO AND LONG TRIPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO  
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ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER PRESIDENTIAL RETREATS. SFM IS A FULL DAY TRIP, ESPECIALLY IF SOME OF THE WATCH STATIONS ARE ALSO TO BE VISITED AS THEY SHOULD BE. VISITS TO DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS ALONG THE CANAL, IF THEY ARE TO BE DONE IN A MEANINGFUL MANNER AND ONE THAT DOES NOT OFFEND EGYPTIAN HOSTS, CAN ALSO NOT BE DONE QUICKLY.

VISITS TO LOCATIONS STILL FARTHER REMOVED, SUCH AS AMOCO OPERATION IN GULF OF SUEZ, FOR WHICH PERMISSION MUST STILL BE GOTTEN FROM MILITARY, ALSO INVOLVE SEVERAL HOURS TRAVEL.

3. CODELS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THIS FACT IN REALISTICALLY PLANNING THEIR VISITS. WE SHOULD AVOID SCATTERSHOT SUGGESTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE IN REF B, WHICH DEPT BUREAUS AND SSM SHOULD POINT OUT THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION WILL NOT PERMIT. ASSUMPTION SHOULD NOT BE THAT GOE WILL PROVIDE HELICOPTER FOR VISITING CODELS. ALL EGYPTIAN HELICOPTERS ARE MILITARY ASSETS AND GAMASY, ALTHOUGH HE HAS ON OCCASION HAD TO COMPLY WITH PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES, STRONGLY OPPOSES THEIR USE FOR SUCH PURPOSES. THIS IS EVEN MORE TRUE NOW WITH CURRENT EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN HOSTILITIES. HENCE, TRAVEL PLANNING SHOULD BE BASED ON USE OF CARS OR TRAINS. THESE INVOLVE THE TIME FACTORS ALREADY MENTIONED.

4. IT WOULD HELP US GREATLY IN PLANNING TO MAKE CODEL VISITS THE MAXIMUM SUCCESS THAT WE ALL DESIRE IF SSM, NEA AND H WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH CODEL STAFFS TO ASSURE REALISTIC SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS AND PLANNING IN TERMS OF WHATEVER PERIOD CODELS PLAN TO BE IN EGYPT. UNLESS THIS IS DONE, WE ARE HURTING OURSELVES. ALMOST EVERYTHING CAN BE ARRANGED IF SUFFICIENT TIME IS ALLOWED ON THE GROUND TO DO SO.

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5. IN CASE OF CODELS WHO MAY WISH TO VISIT SFM FROM EGYPT, SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT WE NEED AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE (EXCLUDING FRIDAYS) TO OBTAIN NECESSARY GOE AND UNEF APPROVALS. WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD A CASE WHERE REQUEST WAS MADE NIGHT BEFORE CODEL WISHED MAKE TRIP. THIS WAS SIMPLY TOO LATE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.  
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